



MILPITAS MATTERS

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MESSAGE FROM ACTING CITY MANAGER NED THOMAS

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and it's crucial to shed light on this important issue. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an American dies by suicide every 11 minutes, and 130 per day. Suicide can affect anyone, regardless of age, gender, or background, and is often linked to untreated mental health conditions. The impact of suicide extends beyond the individual and can leave an everlasting effect on families and friends.

Here in Milpitas, we prioritize our tight-knit community and stand together to spread hope and provide support to those who have lost loved ones to suicide or may be dealing with suicidal thoughts. That's why, in 2018, the City of Milpitas established **Milpitas HOPE** (*Helping Others Process Emotions*), a community task force consisting of health care professionals, educators, faith and community leaders, Milpitas Police and Recreation and

Community Services staff, and residents. Our city also works in close partnership with Santa Clara County's Behavioral Health Services, which manages suicide prevention initiatives in the region. We encourage organizations, businesses, and individuals to join us in this critical mission.

If you or someone you know is experiencing similar feelings, please visit <https://milpitas.info/HOPE>. Remember, mental health is of the utmost importance, and we must take it seriously. Despite our best efforts, some individuals may still tragically choose suicide, which is why greater awareness of suicide prevention resources is so important. Our friends, family members, and colleagues may need our help. Let us continue to work together to ensure that those around us have access to the resources they need to healthily process their feelings and seek help. By working together, we can help save lives.

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RENT AND MORTGAGE RELIEF PROGRAM UPDATE

The City has distributed approximately 40% or \$263,600 in rent relief funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Rent and Mortgage Relief Program. There is approximately \$385,000 remaining in rent relief funds. The Relief Program also consists of mortgage assistance funding. There is over \$230,000 available in mortgage relief funds. Both relief programs remain open, and applications can be found here: <https://forwardplatform.com/city-of-milpitas-rent-mortgage-relief-programs/>

JOIN THE MILPITAS FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FREE TRAINING IN HANDS-ONLY CPR

The Milpitas Fire Department would like to welcome Milpitas residents to join a free hands-only CPR training and a tour of the new Fire Station 2 (1263 Yosemite Ave) every Saturday for the month of October. The 30-minute training sessions will be held every half-hour between 9:00am and 12 noon on all Saturdays in October (10/7, 10/14, 10/21, and 10/28). Register here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849ABA82EA4FACE9-milpitas>. Please note that this training does not provide a certification in CPR and is only open to Milpitas residents with proof of residence.

MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES RAKHI FESTIVAL

On September 27, the Milpitas Police Department celebrated the Rakhi Festival with members of the Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS USA). City Staff was truly honored to be part of this sacred ceremony filled with joy, laughter, unity, and kindness. The ceremony included blessings, Rakhi threads, and delicious sweets. A core tenant of Rakhi is nurturing relationships, and the officers couldn't be more thankful. Thank you, HSS USA for including the Milpitas Police Department in your celebration!

CITY OF MILPITAS CELEBRATES MANUFACTURING DAY

City and Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD) staff are preparing for the seventh annual Manufacturing Day (MFG Day) and the first in-person event since 2019 due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. Milpitas-based manufacturers KLA+ and Flex have agreed to serve as site hosts. This event is scheduled for Friday, October 13, and will be a private and invite-only event in consideration of facility capacity limits and enhancing enrichment for 50 high school-age students. City Councilmembers will receive invitations to attend consistent with Brown Act requirements.

CITY FACILITIES RECYCLING UPDATE: RECYCLING AT WORK

The City of Milpitas implemented the *Recycle At Work initiative* to improve the City's recycling program. New solid waste and recycling containers were deployed throughout City staff work areas, with organics/food scraps containers added to comply with Senate Bill 1383. Public areas of highly frequented City facilities were also equipped with customizable, SB 1383 compliant bins made from recycled milk jugs, with built-in signage and removable liner containers. The initiative has received positive feedback and is partially funded by a CalRecycle grant. The next phase involves finalizing the numbers and locations of new City Hall bins.



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NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS DEADLINE EXTENDED

Due to popular demand, the Neighborhood Beautification Awards deadline has been extended to February 29, 2024. Nominate your candidates for the Neighborhood Beautification Awards and get a chance to be recognized for enhancing the charm of the City of Milpitas: <https://airtable.com/appzbxZpIYcBNBGri/shritLb3PCorvROIU>. The Community Advisory Commission (CAC) will be reviewing submissions at their meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. The certificates for the winners will be handed out at a City Council meeting date to be determined.

Visit <https://www.milpitas.gov/1135/Neighborhood-Beautification-Awards>, for more information.

BARBARA LEE SENIOR CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Barbara Lee Senior Center is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join the City and make a positive impact in our community. As a volunteer, you will gain valuable experience, meet new people, and support the City's senior programs and services. Together we can make a difference! Contact rgeneral@milpitas.gov to learn more.

JOIN THE SUGAR SKULL WALK-RUN-ROLL

Families are invited to join the Sugar Skull 5K Walk-Run-Roll, and enjoy traditional Dia De Los Muertos activities and honor the lives of deceased loved ones at our community Alter de Ofrenda Showcase. The run will end with live entertainment featuring a youth Mariachi Band and the Bay Area Aztec Dancers. Additional activities include face painting and kid crafts. Delicious cultural food will be available for purchase. Sign-up for a free Ofrenda space here: bit.ly/milpitas-diadelosmuertos

Register for the Sugar Skull 5K Walk-Run-Roll now to receive a medal, t-shirt and race swag bag. The race will begin at 9 a.m. at Cardoza Park. All skill levels are welcome. Register now at <https://ow.ly/EsSw50PMUCb>.

MILPITAS ARTWALK IS COMING TO MAIN STREET

Strut your talent. Stroll and find treasures. Discover local talent. Enjoy short performances. Admire artworks. Shop for handmade items. Dine at a local restaurant and check out what's new on Main Street.

Milpitas Artwalk is coming to Main Street on Saturday, October 7, 4-7 p.m., with performances, a community art contest, exhibitors and vendors, including Milpitas resident Jenny Kimura. Mark your calendar to come out and support local artists and businesses! There will be opportunities to discover art along Main Street from the Milpitas Library to Sinnott Lane. For more information: <https://forms.milpitas.gov/forms/view.php?id=173469>



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WESTERN DIGITAL SELLS MILPITAS CAMPUS

Western Digital recently sold its Milpitas campus for \$192.5 million. The computer storage maker sold the five-building property (580,000 square feet) located 901, 951, 1001, 1051 and 1101 Sandisk Drive to shore up its cash position. Western Digital and the new property owner, Blue Owl, negotiated a leaseback so Western Digital will remain in Milpitas for at least another 16 years.



SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL FIRESAFE SUMMIT

Santa Clara County announced the first ever #FireSafeSummit, set to take place at the Historic Mountain Winery in Saratoga, CA, on Tuesday, October 10th, from 4:30 PM through 8:00 PM. The theme for 2023 is "Living with Fire." The FireSafe Summit is a groundbreaking event, showcasing the latest wildfire mitigation solutions and innovative technologies to help us #LiveWithFire safely. It features booths, technology demos, and a short program at the Mountain Winery, with special guests including elected officials, local leaders, technology executives, and fire agency personnel. The CAL FIRE SCU unit will also participate, and the exciting Alma Station Copter 106 (FireHawk) will be on display. This event is open to the public and is an opportunity to learn more about how to safely live with the continued threat of fire in our communities. For more information and registration, visit <https://sccfiresafe.org/firesafesummit>. This event will offer beer, wine, and light refreshments.



MIGRANT COMMUNITIES ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE AND PROMOTE SURVEY

The Office of Immigrant Relations (OIR) is partnering with the Othering & Belonging Institute (OBI) at the University of California at Berkeley. The project includes gathering information shared by people living in Santa Clara County who are born outside of the US. To identify current priorities across immigrant communities, OBI will:

- Interview local experts, immigrant service providers, and community leaders.
- Implement a survey to reach immigrants living in the county.
- Hold community conversations with specific immigrant communities to further explore key issues.

The findings will help with understanding our immigrant communities' needs, contributions, and challenges in reaching full belonging. The recommendations will inform current and future policy, funding, and service delivery.

To take the survey, go to: SCCimmigrantsurvey.com.



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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Sango Court Apartments, 355 Sango Ct., (2) 4-story residential buildings of wood modular construction above first floor concrete podiums with a steel bridge connecting the two buildings providing 102 affordable housing units by Resources for Community Development.

Documentation is in the final stages of the formal process for Building Final. Please see below photos showing interior of the units and full perimeter coverage.



308 Sango Court Apartments, 308 Sango Ct., a 5-story over 1-level parking 85-unit affordable housing development by The Pacific Companies

Podium progress is being made this week at the Development. With the concrete placed last week for the mat slab, the subcontractors are working on forms for the podium this week and continue to work on the mat slab concrete placement at the rear left corner of the property for the electrical room. See the below photos.



Sunnyhills Apartments, 1730 Sunnyhills Dr., an in-fill project that consists of 6 apartment buildings with a total of 44 units, a leasing office and carport structures.

The site work is under way throughout the project while Building F interior work progresses toward drywall installation in the coming weeks.



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BUILDING PERMITS AND OCCUPANCY

Building permits were issued to the following:

KLA Plus, semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at their existing facility located at 7 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$3M.

South Bay Construction, for tenant improvement to make it market ready for future tenant to move-in at the existing facility located at 275 S Hillview Dr at an estimated construction cost of \$1.75M.

Vitro Labs Inc., a biotechnology company, for tenant improvement at the new facility located at 1561 Buckeye Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$800,000.

KLA Plus, a semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at their existing facility located at 1 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$600,000.

Sunnyhills Apartments, for installation of 84.40 KW, 211 modules of roof mounted solar system on 5 new buildings located at 1730 Sunnyhills Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$293,000.

Headway Technologies, designer and manufacturer of recording heads for high performance hard disk drives, for tenant improvements at their facility located at 463 S Milpitas Bl. at an estimated construction cost of \$250,000.

Dunkin Donuts, for tenant improvement of a new cafe located at 1412 S Park Victoria Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$250,000.

Headway Technologies, designer and manufacturer of recording heads for high performance hard disk drives, for installation of equipment at its facility located at 497 S. Hillview Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$250,000.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

KLA Plus, a semiconductor manufacturing company, for tenant improvements at their existing facility located at 1 Technology Dr. at an estimated construction cost of \$1.2M.

Milpitas Square, for installation of 18 Tesla EV superchargers and site accessibility improvement located at 190 Barber Ct at an estimated construction cost of \$335,900.

The following businesses have received final inspection and are now open for operation:

Peek Technologies, INC., a business for testing device and prototype development located at 370 S Abbott Ave.

Watchpoint Logistics, a logistics company located at 607 N McCarthy Blvd.

Engenius Technologies Inc., general office for a new wholesale distributor of wireless communications equipment and services company located at 860 N McCarthy Blvd.

Learn & Play Montessori, a daycare facility located at 164 N Abel St.

School of Indian Dance LLC, a new dance studio located at 106 S Abel St.

Dockers Outlet, a retail store at the Great Mall.

K & V Lash Studio, a beauty salon specializing in eyelash services located at 102 N Abel St.

Five Below, new retail store at Great Mall.

Milan Beauty fashion & More, a new retail business located 88 S Park Victoria Dr.

Zakat Foundation Of America, a non profit storage and distribution of relief items office located at 860 Hillview Ct.

DTN Engineers Inc., a consulting engineering company relocating from Oakland to 1313 N Milpitas Blvd

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